

salvo in a multiyear battle to reduce our deficits and prevent our children from bearing the cost of ever greater deficits.

At the President's first fiscal summit a month or so ago, he noted:

While we are making important progress toward fiscal responsibility this year, in this budget, this is just the beginning. In the coming years, we'll be forced to make more tough choices and do much to address our long-term challenges.

He is right. To paraphrase Robert Frost, we have miles to go before we sleep.

I stand ready to help this President, to work with my colleagues, Republican and Democrat, House and Senate, to make some of those tough choices and to tackle the challenges in the years to come.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:46 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

INES R. TRIAY, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT), VICE JAMES A. RISPOLI, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LAWRENCE E. STRICKLING, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION, VICE JOHN M. R. KNEUER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

HILARY CHANDLER TOMPKINS, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE SOLICITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, VICE DAVID LONGLY BERNHARDT, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THOMAS E. PEREZ, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE WAN J. KIM.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 31, 2009 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

JONATHAN Z. CANNON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE MARCUS C. PEACOCK, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MARCH 11, 2009.